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1. FOLLOWING IS APPROPRIATE SECTION OF REMARKS BY PRESIDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OCTOBER 7, 1976, QUOTED FROM WHITE HOUSE PRESS RELEASE:

2. QTE. I SEE GOVERNMENT GROWING TOO LARGE, TOO POWERFUL, TOO COSTLY, TOO REMOTE, TOO DEEPLY INVOLVED IN OUR DAILY LIVES. THE MOUNTING TROUBLES IN GREAT BRITAIN, OUR OLD AND HONORED ALLY, OFFER COMPELLING EVIDENCE THAT WE CANNOT KEEP RELYING ON GOVERNMENT ALONE TO SOLVE ALL OF OUR PROBLEMS.

3. FACED WITH THE GREATEST FINANCIAL CRISIS IN THE HISTORY OF BRITISH DEMOCRACY, PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN, BEFORE A RECENT CONVENTION OF HIS LABOR PARTY, HAD THE COURAGE TO SAY, AND I QUOTE HIM, QTE: BRITAIN FOR TOO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LONG HAS LIVED ON BORROWED TIME, BORROWED MONEY AND

BORROWED IDEAS. WE WILL FAIL, END QTE HE SAID, QTE  
IF WE THINK WE CAN BUY OUR WAY OUT OF OUR PRESENT DIFFI-  
CULTIES BY PRINTING CONFETTI MONEY AND PAYING OURSELVES

MORE THAN WE EARN. END QTE

4. THAT IS ADVICE THAT I THINK IN GOOD CONSCIENCE WE  
SHOULD TAKE. WE MUST NOT LET THAT HAPPEN IN AMERICA NOW  
OR IN THE FUTURE. WE BETTER AVOID IT. WE CAN AVOID IT,  
AND AS LONG AS I AM PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, WE  
WILL AVOID IT. END QTE

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